

Resignation announced

Manuel L. Levine, managing director of the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, is leaving Detroit to take a position in New York City.

Ruth R. Glancy, Music Hall Center board chairman, announced Levine's resignation which was effective Dec. 12 and expressed the board's best wishes to Levine, the center's managing director since March 1975.

Levine said the Music Hall was a vitally important institution in Detroit's renaissance and thanked the staff, trustees and patrons for the privilege of working with them to make Music Hall an internationally recognized center for the performing arts.

The chairman added that no successor will be named until next year.



Ryan O'Neal is proud of his acting offspring, daughter Tatum, 12, and son Griffin, 11. All three are appearing in Bogdanovich's "Nickelodeon."

'Nickelodeon' opens at nickel preview

Columbia Pictures and more than 40 participating exhibitors and theater owners in the U.S. and Canada will present "Nickel Night at the Movies," a preview for a five-cent admission price of Peter Bogdanovich's "Nickelodeon" on Tuesday at the Americana, Eastland, Fairlane, Loew's Cinema, Movies at Lakeside, Parkway, Pontiac Cinema, Somerset Cinema, and Southgate Theatres.

All ticket office proceeds will benefit the 25th Annual Christmas Seal Campaign of the American Lung Association.

The motion picture event, on the eve of the new film's domestic opening, is a fundraising tactic for the holiday season of a bygone era when the nickel bought a good cigar, a stein of beer with free lunch, and admission to the nation's

nickelodeon houses which began to proliferate in the early 1900s.

Now, the "Nickel Night at the Movies" preview will recapture the carefree spirit of those times and contribute to the Christmas Seal Campaign, climaxing a year-long drive by the American Lung Association in its fight against tuberculosis, emphysema and other respiratory diseases.

Peter Bogdanovich's "Nickelodeon" is a slapstick drama of the pioneer days of silent films and stars Ryan O'Neal, Burt Reynolds, Tatum O'Neal, Brian Keith and Stella Stevens. The new motion picture was produced by Irwin Winkler and Robert Chartoff and was directed by Bogdanovich from a screenplay by W.D. Richter and Bogdanovich. A Columbia British Lion EMI Co-production, "Nickelodeon" is rated PG.

'Streetcar' tryouts set

Troy Players will hold open auditions for their March production of Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" on Jan. 5 and 6 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in Baker Junior High, Torrey Drive, Troy. Tryouts will take place east of Rochester Road, north of Big Beaver (Sixteen Mile Road).

People interested in working on the technical aspect of the show as well as those interested in other phases of

community theater are invited to attend. For further information call 679-1255.

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